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3.O. 11652: N/A TAGS : ENRG, TC

SUBJECT: OIL PRICE COMPROMISE SEEMS CLOSER

- 1. FOLLOWING ANOTHER QUICK VISIT TO ABU DHABI BY SAUDI OIL MINISTER YAMANI, WHO ARRIVED 7:30 EVENING JUNE 18, IT APPEARS THAT SAUDIS AND UAE HAVE NOW COMPLETED THEIR COORDINATION ON OIL PRICING COMPROMISE WITH OTHER OPEC STATES. AFTER YAMANI MET WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID, HE INFORMED THE PRESS THAT IF OTHER ELEVEN OPEC MEMBERS AGREE TO DROP THEIR PLANNED MID-YEAR FIVE PERCENT INCREASE, THEN HE AND UAE OIL MINISTER UTAYBA WOULD MEET AGAIN TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO.
- 2. JUST PRIOR TO YAMANI'S ARRIVAL, UTAYBA ANNOUNCED TO PRESS THAT UAE HOPED THAT OPEC'S PETROLEUM PRICES WOULD BE UNIFIED BEFORE OPEC MET ON JULY 12 IN STOCKHOLM AND THAT BOTH UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA PREPARED TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD A COMPROMISE ON OIL PRICE ISSUES PROVIDED OTHER MEMBERS OF OPEC TOOK SIMILAR STEPS.
- 3. HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY CONTACT UTAYBA BUT IT SEEMS PRETTY CLEAR THAT EXTENT TO WHICH SAUDIS AND UAE ARE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON OIL PRICE ISSUE IS DEPENDENT ON EXTENT TO WHICH OTHER OPEC STATES PREPARED FOREGO 5 PERCENT INCREASE NOT ONLY BALANCE OF 1977 BUT EXTENDING THIS INTO 1978. IF COMPROMISE IS REACHED ONLY FOR THIS YEAR, OPEC ELEVEN WILL BE FACED WITH UNPLEASANT SPECTRE OF WHAT YAMANI PREDICTED IN HIS RECENT BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW OF OPEC HAVING ANOTHER PRICE BATTLE AT THE END OF 1977. DICKMAN

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